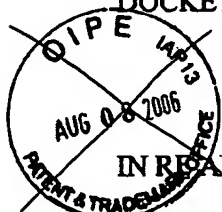


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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated May 8, 2006, please amend the above-
identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on
page 2 of this paper.

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